GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2179
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SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS IN SHIPS
Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation from the Indian National Shipowners Association has been received by his Ministry for permitting foreign officers to work on Indian ships in view of acute shortage of Indian officers;

(b) if yes, the details of the request made; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): The Indian National Shipowners Association (INSA) has requested the Directorate General of Shipping to allow foreign officers to work on Indian ships in view of acute shortage of Indian officers. In order to overcome the shortage, the Government is considering a proposal to allow foreign officers to work on Indian ships subject to certain conditions.